

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed April 21 2004.

An amendment has been made to page 1 to correct "that" to "than" as suggested. New Figures accompany this response.

Claims 8, 10-13, 15-22 and 24,25 are now pending in this application. This application includes five independent claims, claims 8, 15, 20, 24 and 25.

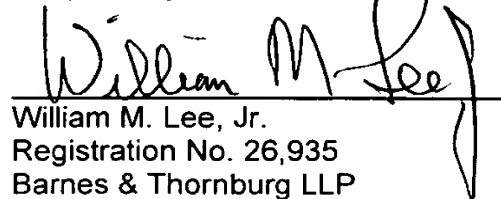
Claims 15, 20 and 24 have been allowed, and claims 8 and 25 have been amended to include subject matter indicated as allowable. In particular, claim 8 has been amended to include the subject matter of previous claim 9 (which has been cancelled) and claim 25 has been amended in a similar manner, to include the subject matter of previous claim 9.

Claims 1-7, 23 and 26 are objected to under 35 USC 101, and these claims have all been cancelled.

As the claims have been amended to direct them to subject matter indicated as allowable, it is submitted that this application is in order for allowance. Such action is therefore solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William M. Lee, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looped "L" and "E" at the end.

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